



ASGE

3rd Quarter 2017 newsletter

President's Message



Greetings to all the ASGE Members. We had another very successful and interesting conference in June and thank you to all who attended. The speakers were very informative and educational. Once again Jerry Moore did a wonderful job with ordering lunch and dinner. The food was excellent. Jerry always does a great job making sure the conference runs smooth. I am honored to have been selected as the 2017 to 2019 President of the organization. Not long ago Sham Kassab introduced me to ASGE and I began helping him in organizing the presentations and speakers as well as producing the organizations newsletter. Now the tables have turned and we have a new set of officers. I know that for the coming year, Eric Bruton is already working hard to line up our conference speakers and I look forward to attending this coming years' conference. Ellora Larson is now the treasurer and she is stepping up to the role assisting Jerry with our financial transactions. We have also asked several members to take on new roles, Ian Brown for marketing, Rupesh Savadekar is taking on the newsletter and Eric Griesemer is going to continue helping organize our web page. Bill Salem along with Andy Luna will be selecting the recipients of the awards during banquet next year. We are always looking for new ideas and members to help so if you have the initiative let us know. I look forward to the coming year.

Raymond Maddock, CGE

President of ASGE

2017-2019 Officers and Directors



Front row Left to Right: **Bill Salem, Director - Nancy Wilson,**
Treasurer - Ellora Larson, Vice President - Eric Bruton
Back row Left to Right: **Director - Sham Kassab,**
Director - Micheal O'Donnell, Director - Dave Wonnacott,
Executive Director - Jerry Moore, President - Raymond Maddock

PLATINUM MEMBERS



2017 Conference Presentors



Paul Needley
Enertek International,
The future of European Gas Industry



Asa Kirby
National Instruments
Gas combustion testing and Validation with LabVIEW



John Gorman
CSA Group
Standards in the Gas Industry



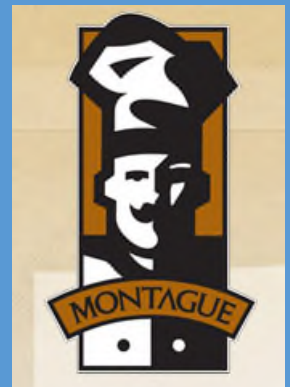
Steve Lang
LANTEC
Lantec MicroNOx Combustion Technology

Gold Members



Ray Halit
Altitude Safety Concerns

Gold Members



Conference Attendees



Jesse Rios



Gary Hutchins



Jerry Moore



William Taylor and Robert Cowan



Congratulations to officers



**Dante Cantal
introducing Bill
Salem**



**Bill Salem - speaking of
ASGE origins &
introducing new officers**



**Mike O'Donnell passing the
gavel to Ray Maddock**

Conference Attendees



Kerry and Tony Leeseberg, Ray Maddock



Nadine Salem, Michelle & Carlos Montoya



Craig Grider, Cameron Brackman and Matthew Mausser



Tammy and Chad Johnson, James Wallace and Justin Starnes



Eric Bruton, Mark Feld and Devan Scroggins



Gregg Nolan, Lisa Cowan, Puzant & Hasmig Sherbetjian, Robert Cowan



Gary Hutchins, Mike O'Donnell, John Dodson, Gunther Berthold



Ron Heberger and Brian Lusignan



2018 Conference Update



The American Society of Gas Engineers was formed in Cleveland, Ohio under a different name in 1954. Chapters were formed in various cities across the country and meetings were held mostly on a monthly basis. As membership grew, national officers decided to start holding annual or semi-annual meetings for all members. The national meetings rotated between chapter cities in the beginning. Some of the annual meetings were Board of Directors meetings only. The first national meeting of record for all members was held in Chicago, Illinois in 1972.

National meetings usually attracted 30-50 members who met for one day to hear speakers. The size and format of national technical did not change significantly until after 1999 when a meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Monte Carlo Hotel. Thirty-five members attended a meeting that was handled with such elegance by the Monte Carlo staff that the ASGE Board of Directors decided to return to the Monte Carlo in 2001. During the 2001 Board meeting, phase one of the ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Program was finalized and announced. The first 33 certified gas engineers were recognized in Redondo Beach, California in 2002 under the "Grandfather Program." When the ASGE National Technical Conference returned to the Las Vegas area (Green Valley Ranch) in 2003, over 100 members attended to congratulate the second large group of certified gas engineers who received their certificates at the President's Awards Dinner. All technical conferences since 2003 have been attended by over 60 members and guests.

Since 2001, all 12 technical conferences have been held in the Las Vegas area. Annual conferences were not held in 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2009.

There are three primary reasons that the ASGE Board of Directors has selected Las Vegas for the annual meeting: COST, CONVENIENCE and ATTENDANCE.

COST – A 2017 survey of six possible meeting locations was conducted for typical ASGE travelers. Following are the average results for total airfare and hotel.

Las Vegas	\$562
Minneapolis	\$693
San Antonio	\$832
St. Louis	\$878
Orlando	\$909
Charlotte	\$1,056

CONVENIENCE – Las Vegas is the largest convention city in the United States with 22,000 conventions and over six million attendees per year. Las Vegas is also the home of 24 of the 30 largest hotels in the US. There are currently 169,000 hotel rooms in the area. The Las Vegas hotel staffs have shown an excellent ability to serve all of the needs for the ASGE Annual Technical Conference.

ATTENDANCE – In conjunction with the annual membership dues invoice, members were asked for their preference regarding the survey cities as possible meeting sites. Following are the results through August 31, 2017.

Las Vegas	51%
Orlando	17%
Charlotte	14%
St. Louis	9%
San Antonio	6%
Minneapolis	3%

Based on the recent cost and attendance surveys, the ASGE Board of Directors has scheduled the next ASGE Annual Technical Conference to be at the **South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 4-5, 2018**. All ASGE members are urged to attend and bring guests.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW CERTIFIED GAS ENGINEERS



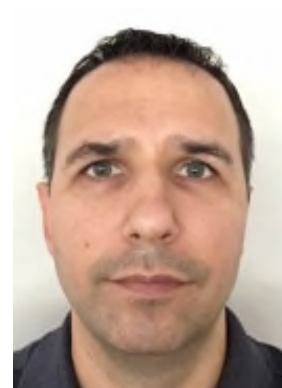
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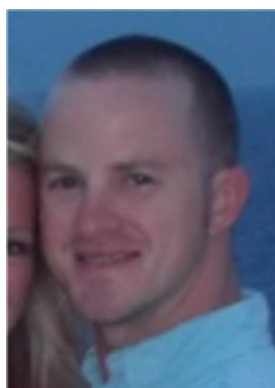
Scott Lackie
Beckett Gas



Mark Feld
Regal Beloit



Jonathan Brania
UL



Cameron Brackman
Intertek



Jeff Kafel
Omni Test Labs



Ian Brown
Surface Igniters



Devan Scroggins
Regal Beloit



Christopher Morris
Goodman Mfg.



Raymond Joubran
RobertShaw



Jeet Shah
Goodman Mfg.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASGE MEMBERS



- ⇒ James BeHarry, CSA Group
- ⇒ Michael Bodish, CSA Group
- ⇒ Jack Chow, Jack Lynn Consulting
- ⇒ John Gorman, CSA Group
- ⇒ Dana Harshbarger, CSA Group
- ⇒ Jeffrey Jaryga, CSA Group
- ⇒ Carlos Montoya, Infrared Dynamics
- ⇒ Carlos Rijos, CSA Group
- ⇒ James Sekerak, CSA Group
- ⇒ Josh Shepard, CSA Group
- ⇒ Brian Teeter, CSA Group
- ⇒ Matthew Walsh, Intertek